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1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE BARAZILIAN DELEGATION: QUOTE I REFER TO YOUR NOTIFICATION FO FEBRUARY 4, 1977 FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE AGREED PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE ANNEX TO DOCUMTNE MTN/NTM/26 ON PRIOR DEPOSIT TO IMPORTS OF POULTRY MEAT.

IN THIS REGARD, I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY AUTHORITIES TO INFORM YOU THAT THE REQUIREMENT OF A PRIOR DEPOSIT TO IMPORTS IS OF A GENERAL NATURE, ADOPTED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF MEASURES OF A TEMPORARY CHARACTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR BALAANCE OF PAYMENTS PURPOSES. SUCH MEASURES HAVE ALREADY BEN DISCUSSED IN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE - DURING MAY 1976. IT IS THEREFORE THE VIEW OF THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES THAT THESE MEASURES DO NOT WARRANT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE MULITLATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DIALOGUE UNDER PROCEDURES

ADOPTED BY THE GOUP ON NON-TARIFF BARRIERS. UNQUOTE.

- 2. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION, BARTEL-ROSA OF PERMANENT GENEVA BRAZILIAN DEL AND MEDEIROS OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATED THAT LETTER DOES NOT SIGNAL A CHANGE IN THEIR PRAGMATIC POSITION TAKEN FOR CONSULTATIONS ON QR'S (REFTEL). PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSITS, HOWEVER, ARE CLEARLY A BALANCE OF PAYMENTS MEASURE AND ALREADY SUBJECT TO GATT DISCIPLINE. MORE IMPORTANT, IN THEIR VIEW, IS THAT GIVEN BRAZIL'S ADVERSE BOP SITUATION, THE FINANCE MINISTRY IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ANY DISCUSSIONS ON THESE MEASURES. ACCORKDING TO BARTEL-ROSE, IF THERE WERE ANY HINT THAT THESE MEASURES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS THE FINANCE MINISTRY WOULD WITHDRAW BRAZIL FROM THE MTN.
- 3. RECOMMENDATION: IN LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSION IN PARA. 2, US MTN DEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE RESPOND TO BRAZILIAN LETTER BY EXPRESSING REGRET AT THEIR DECISION, OBSERVING THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD IN NO WAY PREJUDICE THEIR POSITION ON THE NEGOTIABILITY OF THESE MEASURES, AND URGING THEM TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION.

 CONSIDERING THAT THE GATT BOP COMMITTEE "EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE SEVERITY AND MULTIPLICITY OF THE

MEASURES ADOPTED" (BOP/R/88 OF 17 MAY 1976), INCLUDING IMPORT DEPOSITS WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A CASE TO PRESS THEM A BIT FURTHER ON THIS ISSUE.WALKER

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